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Miss Marthe Entenman

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Dear Miss Entenman:

We have received and read with close attention your letter of 12 September.

In regard to the Powers Case, you should take into consideration the fact that he was over a hundred days in solitary confinement without access to family, friends, his own legal advisers, or any U. S. Embassy representative prior to the trial, that undoubtedly the Soviets had drummed into his mind what they wished to come out at the trial, and this can be done and be effective even short of the techniques of "brain washing."

In selecting the pilots for such difficult missions, individuals whose past training and other technical, mental and ideological outlook seemed to qualify them for this job were chosen on the basis of these qualifications and willingness to serve. The pay scale of the pilots is about equivalent to that which a chief pilot on one of our airlines receives today. As you know, Powers had served as an Air Force officer and in no sense can he be considered a soldier of fortune.

As you can appreciate, it would not be appropriate for us to comment on the other two individuals mentioned in your letter as they were employed by another agency.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Executive Officer

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September 12, 1960

Mr. Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir:

The shock of the Thomas
Powers trial had barely worn
off before admission is made
that Bernard Mitchell and
William Martin have defected
to Russia. It hardly seems possible
that such events are
happening.

Thomas Powers has shown
himself to be only interested
in his \$30,000 a year salary.
It is disclosed that he has
never voted and apparently takes

~~little interest in the government~~
The question seems to be "Why
was this man employed for
so important a job?"

Mitchell and Martin have
been revealed as under
psychiatric treatment. Again
the question "Why were these
men employed?"

I am deeply concerned
for the future of my country.
Something is wrong when we
allow people with mental
problems or shallow values to
be trusted with important
national secrets. I would like
much more effort to be made
in establishing character before
a man is employed.

Yours,

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